

To the FCC,

Please understand that as a radio-listening, cable television-watching, newspaper-reading American, I am absolutely opposed to lifting the cross-ownership ban. It is already difficult to find decent programming and worthy journalism in this country. Further merging of media sources will no doubt infringe upon the effort and employment opportunities of journalists working for absorbed companies.

Americans deserve diversity and independence from their media sources. When I hear a genre-oriented radio station in Indiana, I want it to sound different from a radio station I hear in Washington. I want DJs to play songs that they choose, and to have different personalities and voices than the others. When I read a newspaper, I expect it to cover more news and further in-depth than what I see on television or hear on the radio. I expect small, independent newspapers, radio and television stations to exist in every American region I visit.

Dismantling the minimal restrictions remaining for the FCC will not serve public interest. It will however cater to the elite corporate interests that currently dominate most of the airwaves. The general public's options will be further saturated by homogenous programming, shallow news coverage, and an endless tirade of commercials. Please do not encourage this squashing of American spirit and opportunity. Leave the cross-ownership ban in place. And begin enforcing it.

Sincerely,

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